

## **M-32 SPUR BRIDGE COMMENTS**

July 27, 2006

### **Comments:**

New bridge by Jack's Landing Road. Restore present bridge for local traffic. New bridge comes out with new road north of town (Carrier Road). No truck traffic in town and then safer. (ALT. 7) Probably cost more but that's a one time thing. (Add middle land for up hill for turns to Alpena.

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice-Plan 6-New Bridge- temporary bridge could be built on Cowly Street. I think for local traffic- trucks would need to use Pleasant Valley Road to cover into town as Cowly Street- wouldn't be wide enough for trucks.

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice- One lane going up the hill on West side of present bridge- will eliminate part of park property- if you go for the east of bridge, you have a business plus a sewer pumping station and think it is right next to the present bridge. West side is the only side really to go on. Thanks.

### **Comments:**

Alternative #6- Put new bridge in same spot as old one- but put back the camel back shape- it's the only image that is exclusively Hillman's.

### **Comments:**

Please use an alternative which includes keeping the existing, historic double hump bridge. It's the last one in the state, and its presence enhances the tourist value of both Hillman and Brush Creek Mill- it fits our community well.

### **Comments:**

Alternative #6 is my choice

### **Comments:**

If a project is opted for that is nothing more than a Band-aid, then nothing will really be accomplished.

Alternative plan 5A seems to be in the right direction because it seems less land/buildings would be impacted.

Even though studies has been done, by worry is that something will happen to close the bridge and we would have utter chaos on both sides. I don't think we should wait until some major accident happens and people become hurt or worse.

I truly believe a new bridge is the only alternative to go.

I would ten times over put up with a new bridge construction than to realize someone's misfortune of an accident or worse connected with old Bridge.

Thank You

**Comments:**

Alternative #6 is my choice. It will save disrupting many businesses.

**Comments:**

I like #6.

**Comments:**

Remove old structure entirely. If need be narrow it up and put up stream a few yards.

New structure should definitely continue to be in alignment with current roadway as a change of alignment would be very hazardous in the winter. Many have had the experience of sliding through current bridge.

Keep new structure aligned.

**Comments:**

Align new bridge in same location as the existing bridge. Have another public hearing for architectural design.

**Comments:**

Go with Alternative 6. If bridge is replaced, replaced existing roadway from county line to county line.

**Comments:**

A bridge must function. A solution must look to the future. What worked in 1922 no longer works now or for future years. The current bridge seems to be placed in the optimum location. I favor a new bridge in this location. Thus, demolish this bridge and build a new one—your proposal #6.

I have been an automotive engineer. People like to look at a 1922 car or truck, but they don't use them for commerce or daily commutes. Let's move on when function dictates. And function and safety are needed.

**Comments:**

I live in Pleasant Valley and travel the road everyday so I have to stop and look towards the post office (left) which usually have several vans and pickup parked in front of it so you have a problem seeing traffic coming from the left. Look to the right and 2 cars can be hid in the double camels this is very unsafe. My father helped build the bridge- if anyone should want it to stay it would be me- but I am being honest it is unsafe and it needs to go! And be replaced with something safe and wider.

**Comments:**

I would like to see the old bridge moved to Pleasant Valley Rd. Make it a walking bridge across the river west of the new grist mill. There are plans for a old time village across the river south of the mill. We will need a bridge at that time.

**Comments:**

Reroute heavy truck use to industrial part by installing a new bridge off of Home Rd. across from Ike's Bar- This would get rid of heavy trucks going down the Main St. of town making a much safer places to walk of drive.

**Comments:**

I am the Montmorency County Drain Commissioner. My feels are that this bridge should be totally replaced. It only seems feasible that it is replaced at its original site. Wasting of monies to rebuild there would be a waste of time and tax dollars. Their in always the public safety issue with an old structure.

**Comments:**

Build new bridge.

**Comments:**

I like your proposal #6, but if possible take both sides of the camel hump (double hump) bridge and move it to the west edge of right of way, and make it a narrow walkway. From the old mill to Trip Field this would retain it's historic value.  
Thank You

**Comments:**

Repair old bridge as is.

Build new bridge 1 ½ mile east of Hillman; Limit truck traffic on old bridge to local traffic and create an alternate route.

**Comments:**

#6 only one that you can afford.

To take business's out you have to pay them and where will they rebuild.

You can't fix the curbs or clean the streets. How will you pay for even #6.

**Comments:**

#6

**Comments:**

Replace it.

**Comments:**

I believe Co. St. should be upgraded to a Cl. A Rd and a new bridge to be used as a future N. bound lane. Use the new bridge for 2 lane traffic during rebuild of existing bridge. After Const. of both use Co. Street as N. bound traffic and State St. as S. bound.

**Comments:**

For those who think they can't let it go. Then build a temp. connecting County St. While this one is being built or restored.

**Comments:**

I request option #6, complete and widen current bridges.

It would to less additional property use and be much safer on bridge. With straight route down hill and through town.

**Comments:**

Keep the existing bridge, fix it, it has historical value. Our Brush Creek Mill is next to the existing bridge and you would be taking the only property we have for our festivities which produce our income. Why can't you go North of town- down Carrier Road over the river to M-32 for Truck Traffic. Your survey years ago is already done for this route- It is the best route for Hillman and will keep our historical bridge- We can solve the narrow bridge problem with traffic lights and no trucks. I am the chairman of our Brush Creek Mill and the grass land in front of our building is a must for our mill and our income.

Thanks for reading this.

**Comments:**

Keep the bridge and maintain it. But find another exit (entrance) into our village.

Down Industrial Drive then cross over to 32. Take some of the traffic off the bridge with a new road. It gets scary when there is an accident on the bridge and there is no way out of town. And there have been a few accidents lately.

**Comments:**

Hillman is a progressive village. They are doing a fine job for the people. I think we should have a new bridge. Demolish the old bridge unless the historical people want to finance the process.

I live one block from the bridge. Traffic is really heavy in town now. We need help in getting a new bridge.

Please help getting this job done.

I am 86. I went to high school at County Normal here. I worked at the P.O. 23 years. We built the theatre and bowling alley.

Sincerely,

**Comments:**

I am writing this to encourage the new building of a bridge on M-32 in Hillman, Mich. It is in disrepair for a number of years. It is a hazard to big trucks and other large vehicles. There has been a number of accidents on and near the bridge. It is near a county road to make a left turn which causes rear-end collisions. My husband used to drive a school bus and one day a large truck was so close that it took the mirror off the school bus. I was the postmaster at Hillman for 20 years which the post office is only a couple of

feet from the bridge. Many minor accidents have caused trouble here. If Ted Stevens of Alaska requests a bridge to no where, this bridge is in a path to Hawks, Posen, Rogers city. We need a new bridge.

**Comments:**

Please, Please, Please Just replace the M-32 Spur Bridge! No more studies, forums, committees are needed. 30 years ago these issues of deterioration, band aids being applied and evaluations. Five yr. Study? God Help us a bus load of children aren't the victims while more bureaucracy!! We need action.

## **M-32 SPUR BRIDGE COMMENTS**

February 7, 2007

### **Comments:**

As a campground owner in Hillman, Sorensen's Grass Lake Resort, I am in favor of replacing the existing bridge with a wider bridge on the same alignment as the current bridge. I am also the current president of the Elk Country Sno-Travelers Snowmobile Club. We, as a club, would like to see provisions made in the new bridge design to allow for snowmobiles to cross it to access service businesses south of the river, for instance gas stations, restaurants, motels.

### **Comments:**

I would say I agree with the proposed bridge re-make

### **Comments:**

I would love to see the bridge used as a walking bridge for the mill. However I understand the cost and think the bridge is a hazard and we need a new bridge.

### **Comments:**

The temporary structure must allow for overweight and over width loads to allow construction traffic; until the new is complete.